

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-978
J.M. McComas, Jr. House
White Hall, Baltimore County
Circa 1860
Private

Constructed circa 1860, the J.M. McComas House is located in the Tenth District near the Harford County line. The Tenth District is highly agricultural with over 48 square miles within its boundaries. In 1881, it was noted to having a population of 2,374, which was down by 192 since the 1870 census. The district is bounded by Harford County on the east, the Eleventh District on the south, Seventh and Eighth Districts on the west, and Seventh District on the north. This building is not seen on the 1850 map, however, the 1877 Hopkins Atlas of Baltimore County denotes J.M. McComas, Jr. at this property. To the south approximately one to two miles, are two J.M. McComas, Sr. farms along Wilson Road. At the intersection of the small crossroads of Hunter's Mill, is a school house and an Old Fulling Mill. The 1915 Bromley Atlas shows Thomas Elliot at this farm with 144 acres. Just to the north of Elliott is J.M. McComas, Jr.

Facing southeast, this two-story wood frame dwelling is sited in a rural landscape on a sloping grassy lot with a gravel driveway. Set back from the road, several mature trees and shrubs, foundation plantings, and rail fences surround it. Standing on a solid random rubble stone foundation, and measuring four bays across this house features two recessed entries. Across the full-width of the façade is a one-story wrap-around porch supported with battered wood posts, replacement square wood balusters, on a pier foundation. Both doors are illuminated with transoms, one is a 3-light and the second is 1-light. The six windows have been replaced with 1/1 double-hung wood sash. The dwelling is reclad with German vinyl siding, and there are two interior-end brick stretcher chimneys. The cross-gable roof is sheathed with standing-seam metal. The house features slightly overhanging eaves, square-edged aluminum surrounds, and cornice returns. A two-story section with a concrete block foundation has been added to extend the rear ell. Three historic and five non-historic buildings are associated with this property.

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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A circa 1920 wood-frame carriage house is associated with this property. It is a one-and-a-half stories high, four bays wide, and clad with vertical board siding. It has one double-leaf sliding vertical board door, one single-leaf cross-braced wood Dutch door, and two missing windows. No foundation is visible and it is capped with a side gable roof sheathed with corrugated sheet metal. It has a shed addition on the rear elevation.

Next, a 1941 wood-frame barn stands one-and-a-half stories in height and four bays wide. It is clad with vertical board siding, and is capped with a side gable roof covered with standing-seam metal. It has one 6-light wood awning window, and two double-leaf vertical-board sliding doors. It has slightly overhanging eaves.

Northeast of the house, is an historic outbuilding, possibly a springhouse that is constructed of random rubble stone and is capped with a front-gable standing-seam metal roof.

Behind the dwelling is a circa 1980 office building standing one story high and six bays wide. It is wood frame clad with vertical board siding and capped with a side-gable roof. Next, is a circa 1980 hay shelter standing one-story high and one bay wide. It is clad with vertical board siding and capped with a shed roof. There are two 1980s hay shelters one-story high, two bays wide, with a side-gable roof, and clad with vertical board siding. Next, is a circa 1980 concrete block garage one story high and five bays across. One elevation is clad with vertical board siding. The side-gable roof is sheathed with corrugated sheet metal. Finally, there is a circa 1980 tractor shed one-story high and three bays wide. It is clad with aluminum vertical siding and capped with a side-gable roof.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1860 ca. **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1860 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ Thomas J. Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men*, (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881), p. 907.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 20.17 Acre

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Phoenix, MD

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

This house constructed circa 1840, is located at 2336 McComas Road in White Hal in the Tenth District of Baltimore County. It has been historically associated with tax map 18, parcel 66 since its construction.

11. Form Prepared by

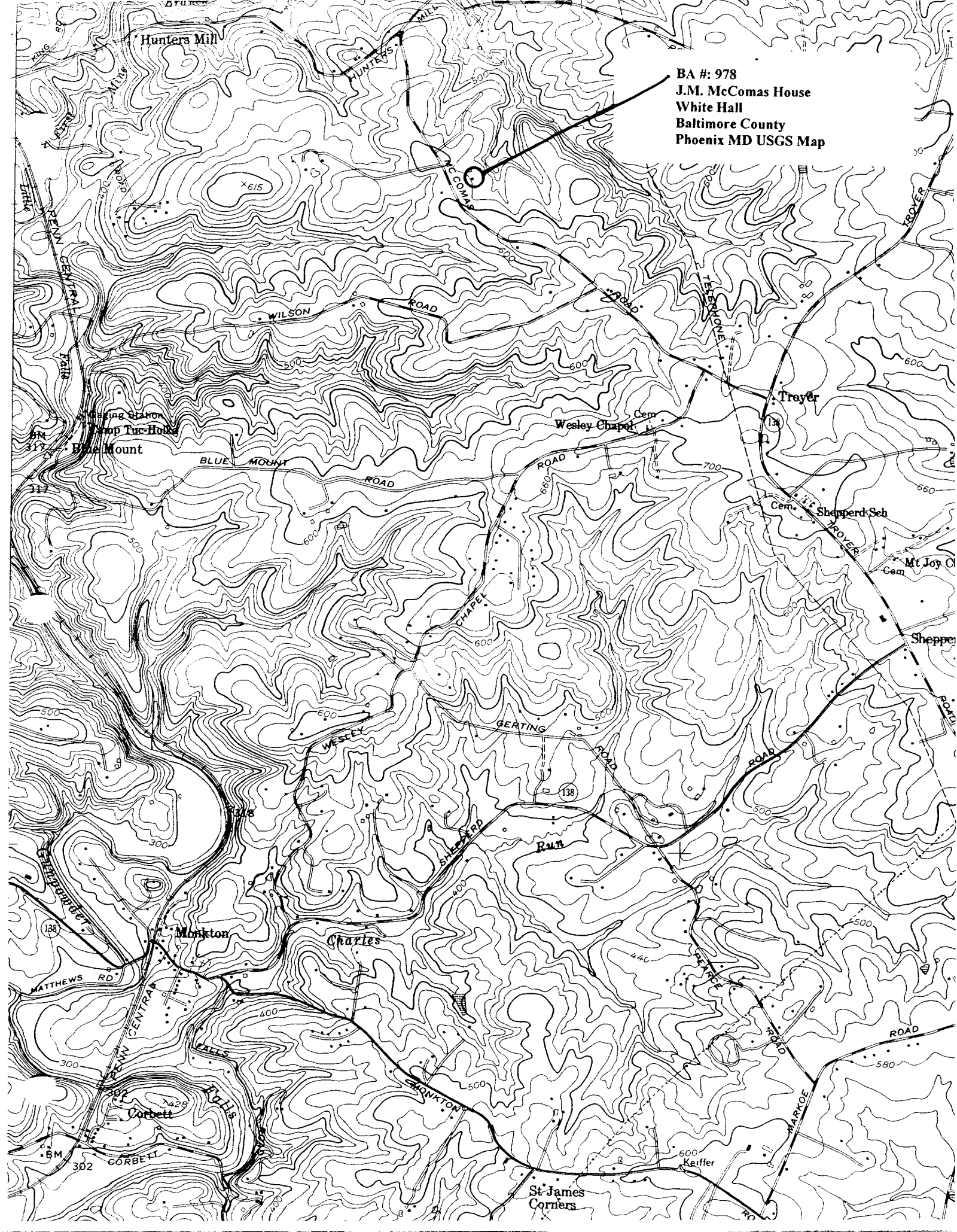
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CARRIAGE HOUSE, SOUTH ELEVATION

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